

FROM THE THRONE....

Leading off this thrilling month is some literary garbo on:

ORIGINS '80 was a unique experience, to say the least. I had arrived in Chester (a very mediocre place indeed) on Thursday night and checked in, only to make the most horrifying discovery of the weekend: The dorms weren't airconditioned! Of course, that ended all possibility of resting sleepwise for the weekend. Indirectly, this helped me get into the convention spirit: if I sleep less, I can game more. I did, because I have all summer to sleep anyhow. I also found that there were no sites other than the dorms for 24-hour gaming. Bummer....

~~~~~

5

## HOW TO WASTE A WEEKEND cont....

Friday turned out to be the best day of the convention. I finally got a chance to meet some of the crazy guys who think they can publish. Bruce Linsey was the first person who I met, and I ended up in a Dippy game which he was getting together, run by that bizarre and mediocre guest gamemaster/emcee, Dick Martin (you know, the short black guy.) Met BRUX, Martin, Arnett, Henricks, Dave Perlmutter (gotta be a pseudonym), and many others. This alone made the con worth coming to. We hashed over a bunch of miscellaneous ((Ed. note: Tom did the smart thing and just spelled that "misc.") stuff, but had mucho fun.

The Dip hobby meeting was a complete waste of everybody's time. I met Robert Sacks there. He acts and talks like Arnold Horshack from "Welcome Back, Kotter". I expected discussion of orphans, hobby reforms, and the like, but he just blabbed about the tourney rules, which would be discussed at the start of the tourney anyhow!

I met many people, watched some games including a STRANGE KM variant, and played several games of Dippy, including one remarkable attempt as Russia. At the start, I managed to get Germany, Turkey, and Italy on my side. However, I knew I was doomed when I found myself with three builds after the first year. Turned into an interesting grudge match in which I made sure that Austria got St. Pete rather than England.

I found out later that the game auction conflicted with the Dip tournament, so I had to miss the tourney. However, one of the games that I had been commissioned to auction off for a friend sold for a hundred bucks! That alone was worth missing the tourney. At least I didn't have to put up with Sacks!

I briefly met a TSS subber by the name of Keith Kendall. He's a decent and interesting guy who has only been in the hobby for a few months. I hope he writes press! Here are two excerpts from a letter which I since received from him:

--Why pick on Arnett? Hasn't he got enough trouble with all those Volker fakes floating around? I think Dick Martin could use a bite or two. Or how about John Daly? If we bite him, will Dogs bite us back? Ah, but we should be all bitten out by the end of Origins, eh?

--Hey! I just noticed something! Your page numbers run backwards from 16 to 1! Is that what you mean by "left-handed justification"? I'll be damned! ((Probably.))

Well, hope you do well (did well?) at Origins, and I'm sorry if I stabbed you (HEH HEH HEH). ((So YOU'RE the \*&%\$#@! English player!))

Hey, that was the first quasi-letter I ever printed. Feel honored! Keith also has good taste; obvious, since he subbed to TSS. (If you believe that one, I know a guy near Harrisburg who'd like to sell you his house.)

Which reminds me: Have you ever noticed that TSS uses this green paper, which glows in the dark? Got it really cheap from Bob Kerstetter, who incidentally is selling his house in Middleburg, which is only minutes away from TMI.

..... and now, time for the boring stuff:

1) Sub rates will go up to \$6.00 on August 15. Gamefees will remain at the present level of \$1.00. The increase is to offset the costs of printing (talk about bad puns!)

2) Hey, somebody listened! Thanks to everyone who submitted press items this month. Keep it up!

## GERMANY, ENDWELLIAN STYLE cont....

Greg Gurski. If you've never seen my basement, it's a cold, damp, but roomy place with a few large tables, including a pool table on which we often set up games in play. My brother John decorated some exposed girders with dozens of Genesee beer cans, and this has caught the attention of many people. Well, I strung a wire behind a long row of cans, figuring that only one person could be assinine enough to pull it after I added a sign saying "DO NOT PULL". When the other six of us were all there and Greg was still unseen, we decided to pick countries and give Greg whatever was left over, which turned out to be Russia. I drew Germany. As the rest of us were about to begin negotiating, Mr. Gurski showed up. Greg did the obvious thing, and pulled the string, bringing 60 beer cans crashing down like rolling thunder! So I spent most of Spring 1901 retrieving cans from the floor.

Well, order-reading time came. Needless to say, I found a French army in Burgundy, an Italian army in Tyrolia, and this Russian opening: F StP-Lvn; A War-Sil; A Mos-War. I figured at that point that the game was hopeless, but the cunning Turk (I'll call him Ray) singled me out and proposed some long range plans. If I'd help him against Austraa and Russia, he'd try to relieve the pressure on me.

With a glimmer of hope in my greedy eyes, I soon convinced Russia and England to call off their attacks upon me, and I soon gained quasi-reasonable relations with everybody on the board, except the untrusting Austraa player (might as well call him Mikel)

From that point on, Russia grew weaker and weaker (England crossed his buddy Greg) while France swept toward Italy. Between Turkey, Italy, Russia, and myself, Austria had met his maker. ((Ed. note: I can't help it if I inspire cooperation!))

Then came the low point of the game, where Greg showed his "Blind Stupidity"; all he had left was Warsaw, Vienna, Budapest, and the remains of the puppet A-H empire: a single army in Serbia. Greg and Mike then demanded that they could combine countries to form the despicable "Polish Republic". At that point, France sold out to me and the other players lost interest in the game, resulting in its premature end.

I guess there must be some sort of moral to this sad story, but I can't find one myself. Anybody who can, feel free to submit your moral for this tragic tale. Winner gets two free issues.

WHYDOPEOPLEASSOCIATEMEDIOCRITYWITHINCOMPETENCE?I'MMEDIocreAND....OH.

## The CHRONICLES of the JIHAD

by MP Barno

Nominology? Terminology? Nominalization? Argh, I don't even know what to call it. Anyhow, the problem is that of naming games, provinces and all kinds of assorted Stuff.

As for games, many players hold many positions in each of several different games, run by different GM's in a variety of zines. Bernie Oaklyn is currently playing in approximately 60 games by his count, and others exceed even that figure. So what is 1979 KY, or 1980Cjb, or R6, or Ettin? To me, at least, the answer seemed obvious in discerning what game a certain code stands for. Call a game by its zine, game type, and a number to distinguish one TSS Diplomacy game from another. Thus, we have TSS/Dip-02, etc. However, you might think that the games would be numbered in sequence. In TSS? Sure, just like the pages. TSS/Dip-04 was announced quite some time ago, but orphans

## FROM THE THRONE cont....

### CHRONICLES d'JIHAD cont....

don't wait. Thus, TSS/Dip-05, and now two more have come along with Dip-04 yet dormant. Last month, Tom made note of Ettin as TSS/Dip-07 and Hippogriff as TSS/Dip-08. Well, Dip-06 was never really announced, so I'm changing gamestart "Hippogriff" to TSS/Dip-06. This should be used in reference to the game in all communications, at least as far as we're concerned. Same with "TSS/Dip-07" for Ettin.

Next problem: provinces. You should be familiar with the necessity of distinguishing between "Nor's". For these, you might write the name out, and be sure in any event to know the abbreviations listed in each zine's house rules. We also use "Lvp" and "Lvn" for Liverpool and Livonia, just to avoid confusion. ("What? He convoyed through Bal and Bot to my coast? I thought his fleet was in the North Sea!") For gulfs, the gulf's "of" name is usually used. (Lyo=Lyon, Gulf Thereof.) Tyrrhenian Sea is TyS, but what about Tyrolia? Tom uses "Tyr", but what happens when Italy orders "A Ven-Tir"? The GM has no alternative but to throw out the order, which we avoid where it's possible. This case just can't be 'interpreted'. ("Whaddya mean Trieste? I wanted to go to Tirolia!") I use Tyo; Tom usually uses Tyr. In this zine, either is acceptable. Tyl may also slip in on occasion.

This zine itself has experienced name problems. It started off as a nameless newsletter, with the prize for winning the one game (now TSS/Dip-01) being the privilege of naming the thing. (One wit of the nit variety suggested the Barno Bullsh\_\_er. It's a good thing I don't suspect you, Bob.) Other pubbers have plugged us as "From the Throne" and "Terrible Swift Sword", while Tom has one thousand "The Shogun's Swood" labels. If TSS is ever faked, the titlehead should read "Terrible Shotgun's Swood". And furthermore, I can't decide whether "Chronicles" should be singular or plural.

Ad nauseam....

WELLOWYOU 'RERIDOFMYINSANERAMBLINGSNOWHERE 'SSOMEMERELYWORTHLESSJUNK

### L'BASTIENNE

....hobby goodies

LEXICON OF DIP: Mark Berch has taken a triple issue of his DIPLOMACY DIGEST and created "The Lexicon of Diplomacy". The Lexicon is 35 pages of tactical ploys, variants, organizations, gamestart openings (from the well-known to the hopelessly obscure), GM'ing and publishing jargon, famous press bylines, strategic concepts, scoring and rating systems, various tricks, and special projects. It looks very good. There are two ways to get the Lexicon: you can send \$1.25 to Mark (address below), or you can take this opportunity to subscribe to DIP DIGEST at \$3.00/10 issues and take the Lexicon as the first three issues of your sub. DD carries no games, only Dip-related articles. The address is:

Mark Berch, 492 Naylor Place, Alexandria, VA 22304.

\*\*\*

MEDIOCRECON I: I'd like to try to get at least 7 of us NYers together for a day of FTF gaming and so forth. This would probably be late in August or during the Thanksgiving break. The location is open for discussion; there are several good places in the Binghamton area, including my home, which are good, or we could find a spot

t  
 ttt  
 t  
 t h e

s s s s  
 s s s s  
 s s s s t a b

s s s s  
 s s s s  
 s s s s ection

(oh, well)

TSS/Dip-01  
Fall 1908

GERMAN ARMY BREST MOVED!

1978 KR  
GM: Tom Swider

ENG (G. Boggess): A StP-Mos; F Bar H; F Bot S GER A Lvn; F Nth H;  
F NAT-Mid; F TyS S ITA F Adr-Ion.

GER (B. McPheeters): A Bre-Par; A Boh S A Sil; A Mun S ITA A Pie-Tyo;  
A Sil S A Boh; A Lvn S ENG A StP-Mos; A Pru-War; A Kie S A Mun;  
F Hel-Den.

TUR (B. Kerstetter): A Bul-Ser; \*A Mos-Lvn (s A War); A Gal S A War;  
A Sev-Mos; A Vie S A Tri; A Bud S A Gal; \*A Tyo S A Vie;  
F Alb S F Ion; A Tri S A Vie; F Gre S F Ion; F Ion H.

ITA (MP Barno): A Pie-Tyo (s A Ven); A Nap H; F Adr-Ion (s F Tun);  
F Apu S A Ven.

#### GAME NOTES:

TUR A Tyo is annihilated.  
TUR A Mos can retreat to Ukr or OTB.

#### SUPPLY CENTER OWNERSHIP:

|                                              |          |             |
|----------------------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| ENG: HOME, StP, Mos, Nwy, Swe                | total 7  | build 1     |
| GER: HOME, Bre, Par, Bel, Hol, Den           | total 8  | even        |
| TUR: HOME, AUS, Sev, War, Bul, Gre, Rum, Ser | total 12 | build 1 (2) |
| ITA: HOME, Mar, Por, Spa, Tun                | total 7  | build 1     |

#### WORLD NEWS:

GER: It wasn't a long operation! He's (she's) been hanging around Middleburg, PA too long!

(Constantinople) Oh Boy! Wow! There may be excitement soon! His Highness Sultan Bob was heard to utter these profound words upon awakening to find Warsaw in his possession.

(Rome) His Holiness, Pope Michael Angelo XVIII, today proposed opening the table for discussion toward a peaceful settlement of the European conflict.

(California) The scene is a gala festive Hollywood awards ceremony. Emcee Bert Parks: "And now the award for creative boredom in bored games goes to taa-daa!!! Sleepy Boggess who has allowed himself to become a puppet of his German and Italian allies and has moved A StP-Mos for 36 consecutive years!" The crowd goes wild and our hero, accepting the award, says, "I just let McPheeters send in my moves for me, there's nothing to it."

THRILLSVILLE: Bob, please note that this turn's first move is not underlined.

-----

Bruce Linsey, Novice Project Director, has just released his prototype edition of Supernova, a new Novice Packet, and should have the production version available shortly. The packet, designed to give a new Diplomacy player a comprehensive introduction to the PBM Dippy hobby, contains definitions, question-answering, sample orders and adjudications, articles on stabbing, press, writing, psychological play, variants, reputations, tactics, and strategic/tactical intros to each power. Looks great!

TSS/Dip-02  
Fall 1905

FRANCE MISSTEPS WITH THE  
TUR-ITA STEAMROLLER

1979 KX  
GM: Tom Swider

ENG (D. Palter): A Hol S FRA A Ruh; F Nwg-Nat; F Bal-Bot (s F StPsc);  
F Ber S F Kie; F Kie S F Ber; F Nth-Edi; F Eng-Mid; F Wal S F Iri;  
F Iri S F Nwg-Nat.  
RUS (Civil Disorder): \*A War H/annihilated/.  
TUR (J. Morgan): A Mos-Lvn; A Ukr-Mos; A Gal-War; A Ser-Bud;  
A Vie-Boh; F Sev-Bla; F Aeg-Ion; F TyS-Wes; F Wes-NAf.  
ITA (M. Allen): A Tyo S A Mun; A Sil S TUR A Gal-War; A Mun H;  
A Pie-Mar (s F Lyo); F Tus-Pie; F Mid-Por; F NAT-Cly.  
FRA (B. Kerstetter): A Bre-Gas; A Ruh-Mun (s A Bur);  
A Mar-Spa (s F Por).

GAME NOTES:

Dan Palter has resigned the ENG position. It will be played by:  
Alex Service, 102 Awad Park, Erin, NY 14838.

SUPPLY CENTER OWNERSHIP:

|                                                   |          |         |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------|---------|
| ENG: HOME, Ber, Kie, StP, Den, Nwy, Swe, Hol      | total 10 | even    |
| TUR: HOME, Bud, Mos, War, Sev, Rum, Bul, Ser, Gre | total 11 | build 2 |
| ITA: HOME, Tri, Vie, Mar, Mun, Tun,               | total 8  | even    |
| FRA: Bre, Par, Bel, Spa, Por                      | total 5  | even    |

WORLD NEWS:

ITA-ENG: I plan on having a "bonnie" good time here, old boy!  
THRILLVILLE: More! More! More Press!

TSS/Dip-03  
Fall 1903

Anti-13760 Club Can Be Broken Up  
AS Endwellians Move South!

1979 KY  
GM: MP Barno

ENG (J. Morgan): F Lvp-Iri; F Lon-Nth; A Yor-Edi; F Swe-Nwy (s F Ska).  
GER (R. O'Brien): F Nth-Nwy; A Ber-Kie; A Mun H; A Kie-Hol.  
RUS (B. Snyder): \*F Nwy S F Den-Swe; F Den-Swe; F Con-Aeg; A Boh-Tyo;  
A Gal-Vie;(s A Bud); A Sil-Boh.  
TUR (A. Service): A Bul-Ser; F Aeg-Eas (s F Smy); F Gre S RUS....  
RUS F Con-Aeg; A Ser-Tri (s A Alb).  
AUS (G. Boggess): \*A Tri S RUS A Gal-Vie /annihilated/.  
ITA (J. Lindley): NMR. Has F Ion, F Nap, A Ven, \*A Vie /annihilated/.  
His A Boh retreated OTB, as per house NMR rules.  
FRA (G. Gurski): F Iri-Wal (s F Eng); A Pic-Bel (s A Bur); A Mar H.

GAME NOTES:

RUS F Nwy can retreat to Nwg, Bar, StP, or OTB. A retreat OTB  
would gain Russia a third build.

Note that both Greg and Rick have moved. Their new addresses are on  
the game openings page.

Sorry, John; I couldn't reach you. Just to avoid the game's destruc-  
tion through a recurrence of this, I'm asking Keith Kendall,  
99 Forest Drive, Jericho, NY 11753, to submit standby orders  
for the ITA position.

WORLD NEWS:

ENG-RUS: I am sure they saw and approve.

RUS-ENG: Want a truce now?

(Trieste) HELP!

RUS-ITA: Just because Ray Gunn is getting married doesn't mean  
you're going to get Austria for a wedding present.



TSS/Dip-05  
Fall 1902

RUSSIA GOES FOR THE GRABS!  
ITALY LEPANTOS

1978 IK  
GM: Tom Swider

ENG (B. Nielson): A Yor H; F Edi-Nth (s F Hel); F Ska-Den.  
GER (B. Oaklyn): A Bel-Bur (s A Mun); F Bal-Den (s A Kie); F Hol-Bel.  
RUS (A. Guajardo): A Lvn-Ber; A Sil-Mun; A Sev S F Rum; A Arm-Smy;  
F Swe S ENG F Ska-Den; F Rum S AUS A Ser-Bul(nso).  
TUR (C. Reges): A Bul H (s A Con, F Bla).  
AUS (B. McPheeters): A Tri H; A Vie H; A Bud S RUS F Rum; A Ser H;  
F Gre-Aeg.  
ITA (G. Boggess): A Ven H (s A Apu); F Ion-Eas; F Tun-Ion.  
FRA (W. Callahan): A Par-Bur (s A Pic, A Mar); A Spa-Gas; F Mid H.

GAME NOTES:

The German player will be on vacation in the upcoming month. Therefore, he has requested that all negotiations and the German position be given over to James Alan, 10511 Inwood Ave., Wheaton, MD, 20902, until he returns. Also, mail to be sent to Bernie himself between August 6 and August 20 can reach him at: Bernie Oaklyn, c/o Fort Wilderness Campsite, Walt Disney World, PO Box 78, Lake Buena Vista, FL, 32830.

WORLD NEWS:

Paris-Berlin: I know how. Because of your power-grabbing attitude.

When you say "Forget Belgium, it is mine", you are asking for trouble. Besides, if you took Denmark in Spring '01, you and I wouldn't be in this fix. You still have 5 centers, don't ya?

Till next year, anyway, when I'll be at 8.

St. Petersburg-Berlin: What!? Three against one! Not again? You don't suppose that this is indicative of a credibility problem?

(Paris) Alright!!! Chess! I can play that better anyway. I hereby proclaim myself the best "Get Your Moves In" player of all time. I have only missed twice in 222,504 games. Oaklyn is "choaklin". Can I have Iceland?

ST. PETERSBURG (IRIB) -- The Imperial Russian Information Bureau apologizes to its subscribers and retracts the news that it has been disseminating concerning the death of Ottoman Turkey's Sultan. According to recent reports, the Sultan is alive, though not well. Upon hearing the news that the Czar's own information agency had been in error, he furiously ordered that Europe's "sick old man" be helped back into his grave, so that the facts will jibe with the information.

(Belgrade) After many vain and futile attempts, I have succeeded in reaching that small building known as a "Post Office", and have gotten hold of some little pieces of paper (stamps) and some slightly larger ones (postcards) and will henceforth be able to correspond. Sorry about any unintentionally ominous diplomatic quiet.

(ITA) The king condemned his court jester to death by hanging because of his incessant punning. However, the jester filed appeal after appeal (all of which were denied, of course) and extended his life by a year. During this time he told not a single pun, and because of this, the king granted him a pardon. When informed of the king's decision, the jester blurted out, "No noose is good news!"

....He was hanged the next morning at sunrise.

The supply center chart can probably be found on the next page.

TSS/Dip-03 PRESS cont....

RUS-TUR: My admiral lost his bearings. How come you have no interpreters in Constantinople?

RUS-GER & FRA: Whenever your governments come back from vacation, my ambassadors would have your ears.

ENEWETAK: (That's the official U.S. Government spelling, according to Mike Wallace) Those two's governments have been on vacation for years, as evidenced by their lack of planning and leadership. (Charlotte, NC) The French Emperor shall henceforth, as decreed by royal French law, be addressed as "His Eminence, Charlottemagne" in celebration of his arrival in the new French capital, just a tad southeast of the Great Smoky Mountains.

ENIWETOK: I had ENG down for an NMR on the 16th until Tom told me that he was sure that James had sent him moves for this game. Tom finally found them on the back of Mr. Morgan's Dip-02 orders. Jim, I don't really mind your sending your moves to Tom, but only if you send them in early and on a separate piece of paper. While I'm at it, I might as well remind you all to turn in each game's orders, same GM or not, on separate sheets of paper. Thanx.

SUPPLY ENTER OWNERSHIP:

|                                    |         |                |
|------------------------------------|---------|----------------|
| ENG: HOME, Nwy, <del>Swe</del>     | total 4 | remove 1       |
| GER: HOME, <del>Box</del> , Hol    | total 4 | even           |
| RUS: HOME, Rum, Bud, Den, Swe, Vie | total 9 | build 2 (or 3) |
| TUR: HOME, Bul, Ser, Gre, Tri      | total 7 | build 1        |
| AUS: <del>Txx</del>                | total 0 | out!           |
| ITA: HOME, Tun, <del>Vie</del>     | total 4 | build 1        |
| FRA: HOME, Spa, Por, Bel           | total 6 | build 1        |

Winter 1903 and Spring 1904 orders to me by August 13, 1980. I will separate the seasons if so requested. -MPB

Thanx, Gene, for playing it out to the dauntless, total, bloody, ultimately destructive, humiliating, embarrassing, feeling-of-impotence-inspiring end. Yes, they usually turn out like this, but look at it this way: even though you only lasted until 1903, you hold the TSS record for longest duration as Austria. May your F TyS never sail into Rome.

TSS/Dip-04  
Pre-1901

A NEW GAMESTART--  
FINALLY!

BN pending  
GM: MP Barno

Here are the assignments for the new game, TSS/Dip-04:

ENG: Gene Knecht, Jr., 701 Colleton Road, Raleigh, NC 27610  
FRA: Wayne Callahan, Sr., 1009 E. Dominick St., Rome, NY 13440  
GER: Andy Patterson, 10235 West 18th Place, Lakewood, CO 80215  
ITA: Dan Palter, PO Box 156, Cedarhurst, NY 11516  
AUS: Al Pearson, Route #1, Box 177-B, Kearneysville, WV 25430  
RUS: Keith Kendall, 99 Forest Drive, Jericho, NY 11753  
TUR: Paul Goodrich, 301 Crestmont Drive, San Francisco, CA 94131

BOURSE: \*\*\*All orders (S'01 ~~and~~ or Bourse) to me by 8/13, please. Only 2 people have signed up for the Bourse, Clark Reynolds and Alex Service. As an "introductory special" to the Bourse for our readers, I'll accept additional Boursers for the next two months with no gamefee being charged. Clark & Alex, if you already paid the gamefee to Tom, it will be refunded. Each month, the amount bought and sold of each unit, the current unit prices, and each Bourser's current account (# of units of each owned) will be printed following TSS/Dip-04 results. --MPB



TSS/Dip-07  
formerly ETTIN

BN: 1980 HK  
GM: MP Barno

ETTIN--NOW TSS/Dip-07--DELAYED--DELAYED--DELAYED

Beholder's gamestart "ETTIN" has been renamed TSS/Dip-07. Due to two NMR's, of which one, Doug Hollingsworth, sent word that he definitely would not be playing, I'm delaying the gamestart until next month. As of 7/17, I've received orders from Mike Henry (ENG-including updated set), Doug Warfel (RUS), Steve Colombo (TUR), Steve O'Brien (AUS), and Alex Service (ITA). Here are the players and their addresses:

ENG: Mike Henry, 516 W. Alpine, Austin, TX 78704

\*GER: Bob Albrecht, #2-2005-23rd Ave.N., Lethbridge, Alta., CANADA  
T1H 4K3 (no moves received this month--standby below)

RUS: Doug Warfel, 44 Marie Ave., Manheim, PA 17545

TUR: Steve Colombo,  
53 Copernicus Drive, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, P6A 6H5  
CANADA (note COA)

AUS: Steve O'Brien, 7503 Kenlea Ave., Baltimore, MD 21236

ITA: Alex Service, 102 Awad Park, Erin, NY 14838

FRA (replacement): Keith Kendall, 99 Forest Drive, Jericho, NY 11753

The GER standby:

Gene Boggess, Star Rte. Box 220-6, Columbus, MS 39701

All moves and press on file will be used unless countermanded. Make sure to get any new Spring 1901 moves you may have to me (MP Barno, address on back page) by August 13, 1980. Remember to add the date and sign your orders. Thanx and good luck, especially to Steve O'Brien, who has a shot at breaking Gene's record for longest-lived TSS Austria (eliminated Fall 1903). Enjoy!

-----  
I always seem to lie to you. On the bottom of Page 10 of TSS #6, the design/copyright notices appear. We made the mistake of retyping a set of rules on which this notice appeared. However, we've never put it on the bottom of the front page, nor shall we. Ha ha on you.  
-----

TSS/KM-01

TSS/KM-02

There is a small problem coming up which may develop into a big one if it is not handled early.

I'll say it straight off: Dan Palter has resigned from both games and Bob Kerstetter from TSS/KM-01. And I don't know of any standbys. Normally, Dan and Bob wouldn't drop a game, but their personal motives are good. I would like to propose the following: We vote for both games either a sole winner for KM-01 (Alex?) or a tie amongst all the players in KM-02. Then those players in both games will receive a free gamestart for KM-03, which will have all of the active players from 01 and 02. For the record, they are: Bob Snyder, Alex Service, Bill Hume, and Bob Kerstetter.

The reason would be to prevent running two poor games, with only two active players in each, and instead combining them into one. The only loss you would take is the time you spent in the game(s) you are in now. I will delay both KM games this issue to allow time for you to respond to this important matter. I think the game would be more enjoyable, since both games running now have had their mishaps. Please write me on this immediately, so that we can get back on track.

By the way, a revised set of KM houserules will be finished by issue #12 of TSS. I plan to clear up all of the problems I have found, including all those which TSS turned up. page 5

TSS/Dip-05 cont....

SUPPLY CENTER OWNERSHIP:

|                          |         |         |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|
| ENG: HOME, Nwy           | total 4 | even    |
| GER: HOME, Hol, Bel      | total 5 | even    |
| RUS: HOME, Swe, Rum, Smy | total 7 | build 1 |
| TUR: Con, Ank, Bul       | total 3 | even    |
| AUS: HOME, Ser, Gre      | total 5 | even    |
| ITA: HOME, Tun           | total 4 | even    |
| FRA: HOME, Spa, Por      | total 5 | even    |

-----  
TSS/Dip-06

BN ~~pending~~ -- 1980 HL

formerly HIPPOGRIFF

GM: MP Barno

HIPPOGRIFF--NOW TSS/Dip-066--DELAYED--DELAYED--DELAYED

Beholder's gamestart "HIPPOGRIFF" has been renamed TSS/Dip-06, not TSS/Dip-08 as mentioned in last month's supplement. Due to 3 NMR's plus one delay request, I'm delaying the gamestart until next month. As of 7/17, I've received orders from Clive Tonge (ENG), Ben Schilling (RUS), Steve O'Brien (TUR), and Paul Goodrich (FRA-updated set & coming) I'm calling three standbys, not knowing whether the original players will be submitting moves later. Here are the original players and their addresses (an asterisk\* means no moves received this month):

ENG: Clive Tonge, 22402 Edenhurst Dr., Mississauga, Ont., L5A 2K9

\*GER: Vernon Parker, 1854 Waybridge Lane, Fenton, MO 60326

RUS: Ben Schilling, Apt. 315, 24370 Roosevelt Court, Farmington Hills, MI 48018

TUR: Steve O'Brien, 7503 Kenlea Ave., Baltimore, MD 21236

\*AUS: Bob Albrecht, #2-2005-23rd Ave.N., Lethbridge, Alta., T1H 4K3

\*ITA: John Davies, R.R.#2, Hope, B.C., CANADA, VOX 1L0

FRA: Paul Goodrich, Box 34274, Omaha, NB 68134

The standbys:

GER: Clark Reynolds, 6731 37th Ave., Sacramento, CA 95824

AUS: Bob Snyder, 444 West Ferry, Buffalo, NY 14213

ITA: Rod Fabrycky, Plantz Hall, 600 East College Ave., Appleton, WI 54911

All moves and press on file will be used unless countermanded. Make sure to get the moves to me (MP Barno, address on back page) by August 13, 1980. Remember to add the date and sign your orders. Thanx and good luck.

-----  
An interesting, if sublime note from Ben Schilling:

"If you look at a map of Detroit, you should see:

1) Detroit is north of Canada.

2) Farmington Hills is northwest of Detroit."

Do you long-time TSS readers feel that that submission qualifies Ben for the Endwellian Society of Mediocrity?

-----  
ANOTHER NOTE FROM MPB

People have continued to ask me what MP stands for. I told you, it's "Mediocre Person"! But if you don't like that, here are some other suggestions I've received:

Military Police (sorry, too mundane)

Moderately Paranoid

Militant Pun-hater

Melanie's Prince

The Mad Polack (I'm of Galician descent)

TSS/Mac-02  
Winter 1453

God! Another One?

GM: T..Swider

Yes, folks, I finally got eight people ready to duke it out in yet another exciting Machiavelli game. I just hope that this game has more life in it than TSS/Mac-01. The players, addresses, and positions are as follows:

France: Dan Palter; P.O.Box 156, Cedarhurst, NY 11516  
Austria: Keith Kendall; 99 Forest Drive, Jericho, NY 11753  
Milan: Don Swartz; 1701 Trent Ave., Louisville, KY 40216  
Venice: Scott Smith; 5 Pleasant St., Binghamton, NY 13901  
Florence: Peter Ansoff; 5441-10 Sheffield Ct., Alexandria, VA 22311  
Papacy: Ben Schilling; Apt. 315, 24730 Roosevelt Ct., Farmington Hills, MI 48018

Naples: Kevin Walsh; 11 Lincoln St., Binghamton, NY 13901  
Turkey: Paul Goodrich; 301 Crestmont Dr., San Fransisco, CA 94131

Famine Roll for Spring 1454: 8; Bad Year

Row Roll: 7

Provinces Affected: Bari, Slavom Montf, Urbin, Forno, Como, Trent.

Column roll: 10

Provinces affected: Herze, Pianc, Trent, Saluz, Trevi, Naple, Istri.

Variable Income die rolls:

FRA: rolls 1 -- 1d

AUS: rolls 5 -- 4d

MIL: rolls 5 -- 4d

VEN: rolls 4 & 1 -- 6d total

FLO: rolls 5 & 1 -- 5d total

PAP: rolls 1 -- 2d

NAP: rolls 1 -- 1d

TUR: rolls 3 -- 3d

Adjusted initial ducat count after initial builds:

FRA: (-1); AUS: 2; MIL: 4; VEN: 7; FLO: 5; PAP: 3; NAP: (-3); TUR: 2

Game notes:

1) We will be playing the "Balance of Power" scenario, using all optional rules except #'s V, VI, IX, and X.

2) Move results will be given in standard Machiavelli notation, with the following additions:

a) underlined moves fail; and

b) an asterisk\* before a move indicates that the unit is dislodged.

3) Seeing how complex the "winter" season is, I would like to use the following system. After each fall turn, I will state a deadline for players to submit the appropriate builds/removals/retreats along with a self-addressed postcard. When I've received all orders (or when the deadline is reached), I send all orders to each player on the postcards you enclosed previously. This will reduce the number of conditional orders. If you all agree to follow this procedure each winter turn, I'd be more than willing to do it. It may cost you a buck or so, but it would simplify matters considerably.

4) Note that countries with negative adjusted ducat levels have until the upcoming deadline to borrow enough ducats to pay maintenance on their units, or will have to disband a unit before the Spring 1454 moves.

5) Here is an outline of the format for move results and information to be printed each season:

a) Bribes

b) Builds

c) Moves

d) Ducat count

e) Famine notes: locations affected each Fall, units killed by famine each Spring.

(cont....)

TSS/Mac-01  
Fall 1455

GM Rolls Many 6's

GM: T..Swider  
1980Cjb

Retreats: FRA A Milan r Cremo

Moves: FRA (P. Ashley): A Tyrol A Milan; A Cremo S Milan; A Montf  
A Pavia; F Savoy A Genoa.  
AUS (G. Gurski): A Carni S Tyrol; A Austr A Tyrol.  
MIL (R. O'Brien): \*A Milan A Pavia; A Moden S Genoa;  
A Genoa B (takes city).  
VEN (D. Swartz): A Ferra A Bolog; A Mantu A Bolog; A Padua  
A Veron; A Trevi A Friul; F Lagoo A Upper;  
F Dalma S Upper.  
FLO (K. Walsh): F Pisa H; \*G Arrez H (Ann.)  
PAP (D. Palter): A Bolog A Flore; A Arrez B (takes city);  
A Sienn A Pisa; \*F Ancon H.  
NAP (S. Smith): F Tunis A West M; F Sardi A West T; F Ragus  
A Herze; A Herze A Bosni; A Aquil A Ancon;  
F Lower S Ancon.

#### Province and City Ownership:

FRA Home, Turin, Savoy, Cremo, Milan, Montf province  
AUS Home, Croat, Carni  
MIL Home except for Milan and Cremo, Genoa, Moden province  
VEN Home, Bolog, Ferra, Mantu province  
FLO Pisa  
PAP Home except for Bolog and Ancon, Pisto, Flore, Arrez, Sienn  
NAP Home, Turkish Empire, Sardi, Ragus, Ancon

#### Famine Notes

Year Roll: 6; Good Year, Column Only  
Column Roll: 6; Moden, Swiss, Veron, Berga, Urbin, Flore, Parma,  
Aquil.

#### Incomes for 1455

|     | BoW | Prov. | Cities | Var, Old |         | Sub | Units | Grand |
|-----|-----|-------|--------|----------|---------|-----|-------|-------|
|     |     |       |        | Total    | Surplus |     | X-3   | Total |
| FRA | 0   | 8     | 8      | 6        | 2       | 24  | -12   | 12d   |
| AUS | 0   | 6     | 5      | 3        | 7       | 21  | -6    | 15d   |
| MIL | 0   | 6     | 5      | 9        | 0       | 20  | -9    | 11d   |
| VEN | 1   | 11    | 8      | 7        | 5       | 32  | -18   | 14d   |
| FLO | 0   | 1     | 1      | 7        | 5       | 14  | -3    | 11d   |
| PAP | 0   | 9     | 6*     | 3        | 9       | 26  | -12   | 14d   |
| NAP | 3   | 15    | 11*    | 5        | 2       | 36  | -18   | 18d   |

\*This assumes PAP F Ancon r City; otherwise, add 1 to NAP and subtract 1 from PAP.

#### GM Notes:

- 1) Jonathon NMRd his fourth time. I am therefore giving the Venetian position to Don Swartz, last turn's standby. Good luck!
- 2) A win is obtained by owning 15 cities and one other player's "empire" at the end of any season.
- 3) The Papal player proposes a concession to Naples. Dan says that "He deserves it!".
- 4) MIL A Genoa can retreat to City, Como, Pianc, Berga, Trent, or OTB.  
PAP F Ancon can retreat to City, Romag, or OTB.
- 5) No press. Get with it, guys!

TSS/Mac-02 cont....

- f) Plague notes: units killed by plague each Spring.
- g) New Province Ownership -- provinces which change hands in their entirety; not provinces with uneliminated garrisons.
- h) Income for upcoming spring (each fall)
- 6) GM notes: I feel that this game has a lot going for it, with everyone quite enthusiastic. I hope to see a lot of press and player interaction, the lack of which made TSS/Mac-01 a dud. The only potential problem that I see is the fact that several of the players are from NY. However, I tried to separate them on the board. Good luck to all of you, especially Dan and Kevin, who will be in a heap of trouble if they don't gather up some ducats.

-----  
Well, since TSS doesn't print photo press, the rest of this page will be devoted to personal notes, page references, and so forth.

Wait! Tom here. How about our  
Classy front & back covers. If I  
wasn't writing this, I would think by just  
looking at the paper that John Daly  
faked TSS. We'll get a perfect issue  
sooner or later. Mikey, by the looks  
of page #1, I think your typewriter  
needs a front end alignment, or at least  
a right hand justification.

  
Tom Arvidson

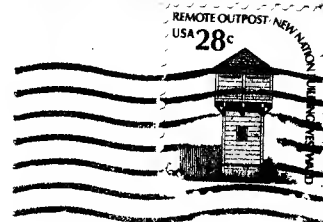
P.S. Personal-type notes below:

# YE OLDE PUBLISHER'S STATEMENT:

"The Shogun's Sword" is a fan 'zine published by Tom Swider of 1183 Robinson Hill Road, Endwell, New York 13760. Mike P. Barno helps me by offering his GM ability, editing, and overall criticisms. He also offers possible reading material. Mike's address is: 2811 Robins St, Endwell, NY 13760. In case you ever need to call one of us, my phone number is (607) 729-2830 and Mike's is (607) 748-4490.

TSS comes out every month about the 17-19, thusly the moves for my games are for the 15th (the 16th if the 15th is a Sunday) and anybody else's deadlines in this issue are for the 13th. Subscriptions are ~~for the year and for one game you enter, you must pay an add~~ ~~Send all checks/ money orders and donations to Thomas Swider. Always give a pref. list. Houserules on request.~~

**The Shogun's Sword**  
**Tom Swider**  
**1183 Robinson Hill Road**  
**Endwell, N.Y.**  
**13760**



Jerry Jones  
1854 Wagner St.  
Pasadena, CA

91107

Please See Page, 5

You owe me, \_\_\_\_\_

Trade? YES/NO

Remember. The deadline is the 15th! Happy Dipping!!!